

Regular Town Board Meeting of June 15, 2021

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Maines. The Chairman noted that this Regular Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 15th, 2021. The meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the US Sayner Post Office, US Star Lake Post Office, and notice given to the Vilas County News-Review, The Lakeland Times, WRJO and WERL, as well as posted on the Town Website. Supervisor Schmidt, Supervisor Rasmussen, Clerk Brooker and 10 other people were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approve Agenda to be Discussed in any Order:

Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve discussing the agenda in any order, Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

Citizens Comments & Correspondence:

Troy Schalinske, Vilas County Highway Commissioner, went through a number of items that the county could help the Town with. The list included putting in large culverts with a 50/50 split between the County and Town. Crack sealing, where they will provide an estimate of cost based on time and materials. County does not do striping. The County does do brushing. The county continues to offer to supply salt/sand and gravel and hopes the town will continue using them as a supplier. The County also does guard rail repairs. They will rent out trucks if they have one available as a service to towns who have equipment that has broken down. The County offers a beaver program, along with a dead deer pickup program. Troy and Kevin Rasmussen met to assess the bike trail and the right of way extends to the tree line. Troy mentioned they may be able to work with the electric company to put in guy wires. He said that the once the town has created a plan, they should contact him so he can get it put on the agenda for the Vilas County Highway Committee to discuss. Troy said he hoped the town was happy with the temporary fix of 155 and said the real fix is slated for 2025. Troy said the Plum Creek bridge on Hwy N is scheduled for the summer of 2022 and that it will take about 40 working days for repairs, which will equate to approximately 3 months of closure on Hwy N. The town crew has prepped Razorback Rd. for use during the construction period. Kevin Rasmussen has been arranging support for EMS and Fire Department services during this time.

Mike Olkowski, Dan Trapp, and Harry Smith from LAMBO updated the Board with positive reports from the bike race. Mike thanked the town for being the most supportive town they have worked with so far. He said that everything went well and that a good time was had by all. They had 76 registered racers and netted \$4,000 total from the event. He said they are already planning next year's event. Mike said people could go to lamboriders.org to check out more about the race, saying some great pictures had been posted.

Chairman Maines announced Jona Eliason as the citizen of the year for Plum Lake.

Sheehan Donoghue shared a story about witnessing a lightning strike which ended up causing damage in the cemetery.

Supervisor Schmidt thanked Jona Eliason for giving LAMBO the \$500 donation.

Supervisor Rasmussen thanked the town crew for being so proactive clearing roads after the storm.

Approve Minutes from Past Meeting(s):

After Supervisor Schmidt corrected and established that only the private roads would have a blue road signs, he made a motion to approve the Board of Review Meeting to Adjourn minutes, the Regular Town Board meeting of May 11th and the Special Town Board meeting of May 20th. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Paying for New Electronic Sign:

Chairman Maines reported that the bill for the sign had been paid, but not all the pledged donations had come in yet. He suggested that the money be taken from the Economic Development line which has \$9000 in it, saying that they could replace the money they take out with the federal grant ARPA money coming in by June 25th in the amount of \$52,648.28. Supervisor Schmidt said he was not comfortable doing that with the federal money and would not approve using it until they knew exactly how they could use it. The other board members agreed, and Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to table this item until they have the information on how they can use the money. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

Financing Balance of New Building Projects:

After going through the numbers and discussing things, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to go back to Headwaters Bank to borrow an additional \$600,000 for the completion of the Sand/Salt Shed and Town Garage at the same rate as the current loan for the buildings and roadwork (\$1,250,000.00 at 2.75% interest). Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Acquiring Land from Alexander Trust:

Clerk Brooker reported that she and Phil Kriesel from MSA Engineering have tried to contact Alex Reichl to let him know that the Town is at a standstill until the land is officially signed over to the Town. Chairman Maines mentioned that they have \$139,000 of federal grant money waiting to be used. Clerk Brooker said she was recently told that the town actually has 3 more years to use it. After further discussion, the consensus was the town would most likely not be able to do the Eliason Street Project this year due to the delay of the land deal with Alexander Trust. Chairman Maines said the Boards hands are tied right now and told the Clerk to keep trying to connect with Alex Reichl to get things moving.

Keyless Entry Lock for Rec Building Door:

Lauri Gerlach provided the Board with more information she had gathered on keyless entry locks. She said the main systems cost is \$497.00 and that you can add on different options such as having permanent pin numbers, an audit trail, data transfers, and protection plans. Total cost with additions was estimated at around \$1,420.16, Lauri highly recommended getting the 1-year support package. Supervisor Rasmussen was quite familiar with the system and was able

to explain a few of the questions that were brought up. All the Board members are in favor of getting the system and said the funds were available to get it, but since there were still unanswered questions, they asked Lauri to get a little more information from the company. Lauri asked that Supervisor Rasmussen and Clerk Brooker be available when she contacts the company again. Lauri volunteered to help with the setup of the system once they have it. Chairman Maines asked for it to be put on the following months agenda and asked Lauri to be there with her added information when they revisit it.

Approving Alcohol Beverage Licenses:

Clerk Brooker asked the Boards opinion on which description should be used for Liebo's License application. The Board told her to go back to the original description he had on his application, which says "alcoholic beverages will be sold and stored inside the building and outside the building but only on premises". The Clerk also read the Board the Junction Café's wording from their application, and they didn't feel any changes were needed. Chairman Maines read the following lists of License applications to be approved.

1. Class B – Liquor and Beer Combination Licenses:
Liebo Enterprises; Hintz's North Star Resort; KPWK Star Lake, Stillwaters; Hillside Tavern & Grill; Froelich Carter Enterprises/Froelich's Sayner Lodge.
 2. Class A - Beer and Liquor Licenses:
Sayner Mobil Express; Star Lake Store; The Corner Store.
 3. Class B - Beer License: Plum Lake Golf Club, The Junction Café.
 4. Class A Beer – Carl Eliason & Co.
 5. Class C - Wine License: The Junction Café
- Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the Licenses as presented, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Replacing Broken Marker in Cemetery (Bockhorst):

After discussion, the Board asked the Clerk to contact the Bockhorst family and let them know that they should get an estimated cost to replace the broken marker and bring her the estimate so it can be put back on the agenda for the Board to act on.

New Furnace and A/C for Town Hall:

After discussion it was decided that the \$6,500 in the budget should cover the cost of the new furnace in the basement and the A/C for the upper floor. Clerk Brooker is to put out an RFP for the project. Supervisor Schmidt said he would provide the proper wording and email it to her.

Striping Pavement at the Library, Others:

It was noted that there is \$1,000 in the budget for the striping. After a short discussion, Clerk Brooker is to put out an RFP in both newspapers for striping the Parking Lot at the Library. Supervisor Schmidt will again help with this.

New Employee Manual:

Supervisor Schmidt said he had read through the manual presented and said he didn't think it was worth the paper it was written on and didn't want to waste any more time on it as he felt it was completely lacking in things they needed. He felt the information provided was inadequate. He reminded everyone that the Board had already approved and voted on contacting Steve Garbowicz to see if he could put together an Employee Manual for the Town. Supervisor Schmidt had questions about what Steve contributed to the manual that was presented to the Board. After further discussion things were still not clear so Supervisor Schmidt said he would contact Steve Garbowicz himself to see if Steve could put together a manual for the Town of Plum Lake, similar to the ones he had done for the City of Eagle River and the Highway G Landfill Venture Group. Chairman Maines tabled the subject and said it would be put back on the agenda once further information was gathered.

.Approve Vouchers:

The Now Account total was \$475,617.75, the Payroll Account total was \$33,862.14 for a grand total of \$509,479.89 for the vouchers. After the Clerk answered Supervisor Schmidt's question about how much had been spent so far for the Sand/Salt Shed and Town Garage which she said was around \$640,000, he made a motion to approve paying the vouchers, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

A voice recording of this meeting is available in the Clerk's office.

These minutes were taken at the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake held on the 15th day of June 2021 and were entered in this Record Book by: